SUMMER 1983

Columbia Seminary Vantage

NEW APPOINTMENTS STRENGTHEN FACULTY

Lucy Rose

Edward Trimmer

R. Leon Carroll

Peter Carruthers

The Board of Directors of Columbia is pleased to announce four significant appointments to the Seminary faculty. Appointed to a three-year term as ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PREACHING AND WORSHIP is Lucy A. Rose, former Pastor of the John Calvin Presbyterian Church in Salisbury, NC. Ms. Rose served as Pastor of John Calvin for five years before coming to Columbia. She also served the First Presbyterian Church of Sanford, NC, before returning to Duke Divinity School to earn her Th.M. degree in Ministerial Studies. While at Duke she worked as a gradutate assistant in homiletics and during the years as Pastor in Salisbury returned to Duke as a lecturer in homiletics.

Ms. Rose's undergraduate work was done at Agnes Scott College where she was graduated with a B.A. in English (cum laude). She went on to earn a M.A. in Teaching from Emory University and a D.Min. from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond.

The Seminary is confident that Ms. Rose's abilities as an effective teacher, skillful biblical interpreter, and talented speaker will make her presence on our campus a blessing for students and faculty alike.

A second faculty position, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WITH A SPECIALTY IN YOUTH MINISTRY, was instituted by the Board and will be filled by the Rev. Edward A. Trimmer, former pastor of the Trinity United Methodist Church, Grand Rapids, MI. Mr. Trimmer will come to Columbia in August with the completion of his Ed.D. dissertation at Columbia University in New York. He was graduated with a B.A. from West Virginia Wesleyan College in Social Science and went on to earn his M.Div. degree and a M.A. in Christian Education from the Methodist Theological School in Ohio.

Mr. Trimmer has done extensive work in youth ministry in various settings within the Methodist Church and has served as Teaching Assistant in Christian Education at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio. His interests also include "Outdoor" Education, with both youth and children, and Special Education, the relating of Christian Education and Special Education. He served as a group leader at the President's Conference on the Handicapped and is actively involved in Church consultation in this area. Columbia looks forward to the growth of an exciting and vital Youth Ministry program under the able leadership of Ed Trimmer.

The third new faculty appointment is that of R. Leon Carroll, Jr. to the position of DIRECTOR OF SUPERVISED MINISTRY. Mr. Carroll comes to Columbia after almost eight years as Associate Pastor and Minister of Education and Community at the First Presbyterian Church, Charleston, WV. Before his ministry in Charleston, Mr. Carroll held Associate Pastorates at the Highland Presbyterian Church, Louisville, KY, and the Whitehaven Presbyterian Church in Memphis, TN.

He was graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi with a B.S. in Psychology and Religion and from Columbia with the M.Div. degree. His continuing education includes work in Christian Education and Field Education Supervision at Louisville Theological Seminary, McCormick Theological Seminary and Union Theological Seminary in Richmond. He has also done extensive work at the Presbytery level in Christian Education and was the Director of the 1983 Christian Education Conference at Montreat in June.

Lee Carroll has had a great deal of experience in supervising seminary

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BOARD ACTIONS

Dr. Wm. A. Adams

One of the highlights of the Spring Meeting of the Board of Directors (April 12-13) was a Planning Seminar conducted by Dr. Robert Lynn of the Lilly Endowment, Inc., and Dr. John Fletcher of Alban's Institute. The Seminar focused upon the basic theme of "The Future of Protestant Seminaries." It provided valuable insights of trends in the life of Protestant seminaries with specific applications to Columbia Seminary. The members of the Board received valuable training that underscored their responsibilities and opportunities. Drs. Lynn and Fletcher raised many questions about the future of Columbia and encouraged the Board to plan comprehensively and constructively. A follow-up report on the Seminary by Dr. Fletcher has been received and distributed to the Board for their future planning.

Dr. William A. Adams, Executive Presbyter of Atlanta Presbytery, was elected to be the Chairman of the Board of Directors. Serving with Dr. Adams will be Mr. Ludwick Clymer (Memphis, TN) as Vice Chmn. and the Rev. Gerald Voye (Temple Terrace, FL) as Sec'y.

The Board expressed its deep appreciation to Dr. J. Phillips Noble for his excellent leadership as Chairman of the Board since 1978. Grateful acknowledgement was also made to Charles McCain and Frederick Woodward from the Synod of the Mid-South and Eugene Rogers from the Synod of the Southeast for their dedicated service on the Board prior to rotating off.

The Board received the report of the Office of Development that the Capital Funds Campaigns in the three supporting Synods had been reached and exceeded. An amount of $7,424,413 has been received in gifts and pledges on a goal of $7,000,000.

The actions of the Board of Directors relative to faculty appointments, resignations and retirement are reported elsewhere in this issue of VANTAGE.

BELATED DIPLOMA

Fifty years ago, one of the members of the CTS graduating class was Bonneau H. Dickson. Times were hard and Bonneau didn't have $5.00 to purchase a diploma. He went to Dr. Richards to explain his situation—just knowing that he would be the only one who would not be handed a diploma at the Commencement Exercises. However, he was handed a scroll tied with blue ribbon as were all of his classmates. He found inside the scroll a note certifying that he had completed all requirements for graduation with honor and that the certificate could later be exchanged for a diploma.

This year, Bonneau was presented with an official diploma—the M.Div. degree—from CTS.

Dr. Richards recently confided with Bonneau that not more than three or four diplomas were given in the entire Class of '33.

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FROM the PRESIDENT

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is a reality! This event, concluding a long process of Re-Union, occurred at a Communion Service here in Atlanta on Friday, June 10. The more than 13,000 people there experienced a sense of excitement as we face the future together.

There is, of course, some apprehension to be mixed with that excitement. One of these is the future of seminaries in the Re-United Church. A special committee, which includes the Presidents of the eleven institutions, plus eleven other persons elected from the Church-At-Large, will have five years to develop a plan for financing theological education in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Those of us who have enjoyed a strong regional base very much want to see that continued in some form. Indeed, many of the Presidents of former United Presbyterian Seminaries indicate that they have not been satisfied with the system of support from the General Assembly level.

The danger is that the eleven institutions, through an emphasis on serving the whole Nation, could find themselves with needless duplication and a very destructive competition.

Columbia is in a great position as far as location, facilities, faculty and students are concerned to make a tremendous contribution over the next decade and more to the Re-United Church.

We look forward to that. We do so because a theological seminary is the one indispensable institution of the Church. While many others are helpful, you could not have a denomination without a place to train ministers.

I know that all of us who love Columbia, and who have supported it, will unite in seeking to make it a stronger influence than ever as we go forward together with many Presbyterians throughout the United States.

With a prayer for God's blessing upon you and all you are doing, I am

Faithfully yours,

J. Davison Philips

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President

COMMENCEMENT 1983

May 29 marked the 151st Commencement Exercises of Columbia Theological Seminary. Upon recommendation of the faculty, Dr. William A. Adams, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Columbia and Executive Presbyter of Atlanta Presbytery, awarded 42 degrees to graduates from 12 states and 1 country outside the U.S.

Commencement was preceded by a Baccalaureate Service Sunday morning at the Central Presbyterian Church of Atlanta with the Rev. P. C. Enniss, Jr., pastor of Central Church, preaching. Rev. Enniss' closing remarks in his sermon entitled "Set Free to be Slaves" were, "The tug of war continues in every generation—freedom and obligation . . . We are free! . . . Only what if after we've gotten Calvin off our backs . . . we find the highest and most fulfilling form of freedom in the disciplines and duties of self-indentured slavery to the living God . . . who alone has the power to make us truly free?"

Dr. Mary Boney Sheats, Callaway Professor of Bible and Religion at Agnes Scott College, delivered the Commencement address, "This Ebenezer," at the Druid Hills Presbyterian Church in Atlanta.

Graduates Sara Juengst, Alice Hickcox, and Richard Troost were awarded their Master of Divinity degrees "with distinction" for their outstanding academic achievements. Charles Longstreet Weltner and Gary Headrick were awarded the Master of Arts degree in Theological Studies "with distinction" as well. Interestingly enough, Mr. Weltner, who did his Master's work in Semitic Languages, also serves as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia.

C. L. Weltner

S. Juengst

Sara Juengst received the Wilds Book Prize for the highest distinction in academic work over the entire Seminary program. She was also awarded the Abdullah Award for the best paper setting forth a plan for the teaching of Bible in the public schools. The Presbytery of St. Andrew Women of the Church Preaching Award for the best sermon written by a student during the academic year also went to Ms. Juengst.

Thomas Bagley, D. Min., received the Lyman and Miki Mobley Prize in Biblical Scholarship for exemplary work in the field of Biblical Studies as it relates to the worship and work of the Church.

Sara Juengst, Tom Bagley, and Richard Troost were awarded Columbia Graduate Fellowships. Alice Hickcox received the Fannie Jordan Bryan Fellowship.

President J. Davison Philips concluded the Exercises with a charge to the graduating class consisting of appropriate passes of scripture, a Seminary tradition of long standing, and with the Benediction.

The Class of '83 left the Seminary Campus with the words of Dr. Mary Boney Sheats fresh in their minds, "In the passage from I Samuel, the Israelites said to their judge, 'Don't stop praying to the Lord for us.' I am sure this is the hope that you who are leaving Columbia Seminary have: that all those who love and believe in this institution remember it in prayer every day."

Commencement Speaker Dr. Mary Boney Sheats with Dean Oscar Hussel (on left) and President Philips.

The Commencement Exercises were held in the Sanctuary of the Druid Hills Presbyterian Church which observed its Centennial this year.

Charles (Chuck) Roberts of Pine Bluff, AR, celebrates his graduation with his bride-to-be, Lib Upchurch.

Dr. John Sloop, Pastor of the Lithonia Presbyterian Church, Lithonia, GA, with his support group who encouraged him to earn his D.Min.

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Thomas Owen Bagley, Jr.

Robert Joseph Blumer, Jr.

Francis McMaster Burriss

Craig D.

Master of Arts
(In Theological Studies)

Gary L. Headrick

Charles Longstreet Weltner

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Elbert E. Darden

S. Donald Fortson, III

James C. Gable

Sidney L. Leak, III

C. Walter McCanless

Norman Francis Miller

Joseph A. Orehosky

Steven Harmon Souther

John David Speering

David Fred Steele, Jr.

J. Willia

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Sr.

Carl Roberts Crawford

David Bruce Janzen

S. Catherine Mason

Master of Theology Degree

Peter Cameron Carruthers

Jeffrey Douglas Gibson

Eric E. Lynch

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Charles W. Roberts

Deborah Kyser Shulby

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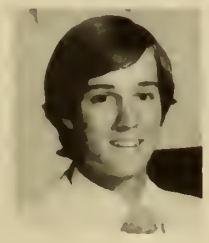

David Sam Thompson

George Richard Troost, Jr.

Robert R. Wilcox

PROFESSORS LEAVE CAMPUS

Ludwig Dewitz

Keith Nickle

Tom Long

This issue of VANTAGE features the appointment of four new faculty positions by the Board of Directors. It is with a deep sense of heartfelt loss and regret, however, that we acknowledge that three of Columbia's finest professors will no longer be gracing the classrooms and the campus of the Seminary. One professor is retiring, one is returning to the pastorate and another is accepting a call from one of our sister theological institutions in the Presbyterian family.

Dr. Ludwig Dewitz, Professor of Old Testament, retires this year after 24 years of dedicated service to Columbia. Dr. Dewitz will be honored by the Seminary Community and the Alumni/ae during the Columbia Forum in February, 1984. His contribution to the life and mission of Columbia Seminary has been far reaching and will be presented in a special article in the 1984 Winter Issue of the VANTAGE.

Dr. Keith Nickle, Professor of New Testament, has chosen to leave the Seminary to return to the pastorate. Dr. Nickle came to Columbia in 1975 after serving as Professor of Biblical Languages at St. Louis University for eight years. His teaching in the world of academia was preceded by two pastorates in Texas (1958-67).

Keith has accepted a call to become the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Jefferson City, TN. His wife, Marie, also endeared herself to the Seminary Community and will be greatly missed. The good news about the Nickle departure is that their son, Stephen (one of four sons), will remain on the Seminary campus. Stephen is the recipient of a Columbia Scholarship and a member of the incoming class.

Dr. Charles Cousar, who has worked closely with Keith in the Biblical Area, expresses the feeling of the faculty and students when he states, "I shall greatly miss Keith Nickle. He has been a valued colleague over the past decade. His own scholarship, his demand for excellence from students, his keen sense of humor, and his commitment to training ministers will be hard to replace."

Another faculty member whose loss will be keenly felt is Dr. Thomas G. Long. Tom joined Columbia's faculty in 1978 and has worked with students in strengthening their communicative skills in the art of preaching. Professor Long has done much to demonstrate the importance of preaching the Word with clarity and conviction.

Dr. Long received his Ph.D. from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1980. After struggling with Princeton's call to become their Professor of Preaching and Worship, Tom accepted it and plans to begin his work in the Fall.

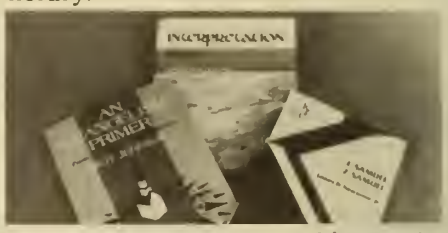
His lovely wife, Sherrill, along with their children, Melanie and David, are looking forward to their new life at Princeton but have expressed their regret at having to leave the Columbia Seminary family.

Dean of the Faculty, Dr. Oscar Hussel, emphasized what Tom Long has meant to Columbia by stating, "Tom Long will be remembered at Columbia not only as an outstanding preacher—that is his well deserved reputation among the churches—but as a skilled, caring teacher and as a faculty member with keen insight into the purposes and shapes of theological education."

As these outstanding Professors and their families leave Columbia, they go with a sincere appreciation for their work and with a strong sense of gratitude to God.

FACULTY IN PRINT

Three of Columbia's professors have made significant contributions to the Seminary and the Church during the past year through their recently published works. Dr. Charles B. Cousar's commentary on Galatians, part of a series entitled *Interpretation: A Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching,* has been met with the highest praise and excitement throughout the church by ministers and lay people alike. Designed for the teaching and preaching needs of the Church, *Galatians* is a rich resource for anyone wishing to gain a better understanding of what the text has to say with regards to "the critical questions and problems of contemporary life and faith." A wonderful aid for Bible Study, Dr. Cousar's commentary should be in every church library.



Another commentary, this one by Dr. James D. Newsome on First and Second Samuel, part of the *Knox Preaching Guides* series, has also come into print recently and promises to be an invaluable resource for biblical preaching in today's world. Dr. Newsome presents "sound and tested exegesis" of the texts in Samuel and then reflects specifically on the possibilities these texts have for preaching. The freshness of Dr. Newsome's reflection brings the beauty and relevance of the two often neglected books alive for preachers and makes them a helpful sermon resource.

Dr. Ben Johnson has produced several booklets to place in the hands of ministers and laypersons to strengthen the work of Evangelism. His major work of the year, *An Evangelism Primer,* from John Knox Press is proving to be a wonderful resource for those interested in Evangelism. It is subtitled "Practical Principles for Congregations" and presents just that in a clear and helpful way. There are also 14 "lecturettes" to accompany the book for use in the local congregation.

Columbia is proud of the work of her professors and is always delighted when their expertise and wisdom can be shared with the church through the printed word.

CAMPUS SCENES

Summer Greek Students and their families are welcomed to Columbia Seminary with an old-fashioned picnic.

Eight units of the Married Students Apartments (built in 1953) are being completely refurbished during the Summer.

Professor Charles Cousar teaches Beginners' Greek during the intensive Summer Session Greek School.

Dr. Harry Barrow, Director of Admissions, welcomes Columbia Scholars Leeann Rogers, Stephen Nickle and Lee Holiday to the campus.

NEW STUDENTS ARRIVE

What do a minister of music, a clerk at a department store, a physician, a police officer, a Christian educator, a teacher of disabled adults, a managing director of a department store, a counselor at a drug rehabilitation center, and a recent college graduate have in common? All of these men and women are responding to the call of ministry and are in the new class of entering students at Columbia Seminary.

On the week-end of July 4th, packed cars and U-Haul trailers began arriving on Columbia's campus! Men, women and children from many different states were busy moving into student housing. They were getting ready for the Summer (Beginner's Greek) School, which began of July 5th and is being taught by Dr. Charles Cousar.

Over 60 new students have been accepted into the Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Theological Studies, and Master of Arts in Youth Ministry Programs. These students come from thirteen states, including Alabama, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, Nevada, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and West Virginia. The various backgrounds and experiences of these men and women should comprise an interesting and qualified new class of students!

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE SETS NEW RECORD

Since 1949, CFC has been actively supporting Columbia Seminary by praying for the faculty, staff and students, by encouraging men and women to consider the call to ministry and by giving financial support to selected projects.

Pres. Gena Taylor presides.

During the 1982-83 year, CFC was lead by Betsy Hammet, Pres.; Gena Taylor, V.Pres.; Fern Shutt, Sec'y-Historian, and Ruth Esche, Parliamentarian. Guided by this able leadership, current giving has exceeded $33,000—a new record, well above the Goal of $30,000!

Newly elected officers are: Gena Taylor, Jacksonville, FL, Pres.; Chick Scarsbrook, Auburn, AL, V. Pres.; Mildred McDonald, Georgetown, SC, Sec'y-Historian; and Ruth Esche, Marietta, GA, Parliamentarian. The 1983-84 Project is Columbia Scholarships and Reclassification of Books in the John Bulow Campbell Library.

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students and has worked as Visiting Instructor in Christian Education at UTS, Richmond, on several occasions. It is with the greatest anticipation and joy that Columbia welcomes Lee and his wife, Betty Wilby, and children, Mary Margaret and Robert Scott to our community.

Another faculty position came open this year when Dean of Students T. Erskine Clarke was appointed Associate Professor of American Religious History in the World Context. To replace Dr. Clarke as DEAN OF STUDENTS is Peter C. Carruthers, a 1973 graduate of Columbia, who for the past three years has served the Seminary as the Director of Supervised Ministry. Dean Carruthers was the Associate Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Gastonia, NC, for four years before coming to Columbia in 1980. He was graduated from Florida Southern College and studied for one year at the University of Edinburgh in Edinburgh, Scotland. This past May, Dean Carruthers received his Master of Theology degree in Pastoral Counseling from Columbia and most certainly brings a great deal of insight and expertise to the office of Dean of Students. Pete and his wife, Fran, a native of Atlanta, will continue to live in Decatur with their daughters, six year old Courtney and three year old Meredith.

1983 GRADUATE DEGREES

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY—(In-Ministry)

Zane Alexander
Atlanta, Georgia
William R. Barron
Knoxville, Tennessee
Charles L. Donnell
Albany, Georgia
John M. Mills
Eatonton, Georgia
John F. Sloop
Lithonia, Georgia
Elwood L. Waters, Jr.
Greenwood, South Carolina
Roy E. Watkins, Jr.
Fort Mill, South Carolina

MASTER OF THEOLOGY

Peter C. Carruthers
Decatur, Georgia
Jeffrey D. Gibson
Barbados, West Indies
Eric E. Lynch
Barbados, West Indies

MASTER OF ARTS (In Theological Studies)

Gary L. Headrick
Hokes Bluff, Alabama
Charles L. Weltner
Atlanta, Georgia

GRADUATE PLACEMENTS 1983

Thomas O. Bagley, Clinical Pastoral Education
Robert J. Blumer, Jr., Pastor, Walhalla PC, Walhalla, SC
Francis M. Burriss, Pastor, Lake Murray PC, White Rock, SC
Craig D. Childs, Org. Pastor, Mission Church (PCA)
Carl R. Crawford, Pastor, First PC, Fordyce, AR
Duke B. Crawford, Student, Austin Seminary, Austin, TX
Elbert E. Darden, Temp. Supply, Pkwy Gardens PC, Memphis, TN
S. Donald Fortson, Asso. Pastor, Forest Hill PC, Charlotte, NC
James C. Gable, In Conversation
Timothy J. Havlicek, Asso, Pastor, First PC, Pensacola, FL
Alice Hickcox, Graduate Study—Emory University
Douglas E. Hughes, Pastor, Gretna & Woodland PC, Gretna, FL
David B. Janzen, Asso, Pastor, Highlands PC, Gainesville, FL
Sara C. Juengst, Staff Asso. for Missions Coordination, GAMB
Sidney L. Leak, Pastor, Sandersville PC, Sandersville, MS
C. Walter McCanless, Asso. Pastor, Westminster PC, Spartanburg, SC
S. Catherine Mason, Asso. Pastor, First PC, Tallahassee, FL
Joseph A. Orehosky, In Conversation
Lawrence W. Peebles, Pastor, Cane Creek & Second PC, Union, SC
Charles W. Roberts, Asso. Pastor, Reid Memorial PC, Augusta, GA
Deborah K. Shulby, In Conversation
H. Andrew Smith, Pastor, First & Carmel PC, Piedmont, AL
Steven H. Souther, Pastor, Stockton PC, Stockton, AL
J. David Speering, In Conversation
David F. Steele, Jr., Pastor, Villa Rica PC, Villa Rica, GA
J. William Taber, Pastor, Trinity PC, Sylvester, GA
David S. Thompson, Pastor, Erata, Laurel, Pisgah & McFarland, & Heidelburg PC, Laurel, MS
G. Richard Troost, Pastor, First PC, Winder, GA
Robert R. Wilcox, In Conversation

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